Nor did he soil the fact with cowardice; (An honour in him, which buys out his fault,) But, with a noble fury, and fair spirit, Seeing his reputation touch'd to death, He did oppose his foe : And with such sober and unnoted passion He did behave his anger, ere 'twas spent[2],

This licentious alteration of the text, with a thousand others of the same kind, was made by Mr. Pope. MALONE. [2] And with such sober and UNNOTED passion

He did BEHAVE his anger, ere 'twas spent, &c.] *JJnnoted* for *common, bounded.* *Behave^* for *curb, manage.*

WARBTJRTON. I would rather read :

<«,---------and unnoted passion

" He did behave, ere was his anger spent." *Unnoted passion* means, I believe, an uncommon command of his passion, such a one as has not hitherto been observed. " Behave his anger," may, however, be right. In Sir VV. D'Avenant's play of The Just Italian, 1630, *behave* is used in as singular a manner:

" How well my stars *behave* their influence." Again:

"----------You an Italian, sir, and thus

" *Behave* the knowledge of disgrace ! " In both these instances, to *behave* is to *manage.*

STEEVENS. " Unnoted passion," I believe, means a passion operating inwardly, but not accompanied with any external or boisterous appearances ,* so regulated and subdued, that no spectator could, *note,* or observe, its operation.

The old copy reads—He did *behoove,* &c. which does not afford any very clear meaning. *Behave,* which Dr. Warburton interprets *manage,* was introduced by Mr. Rowe. I doubt the text is not yet right. Our author so very frequently converts nouns into verbs, that I have sometimes thought he might have written— " He did *behalve* his anger,'[1]—i. e. suppress it. So, Milton: « - yet put he not forth all his strength, " But check'd it *mid-way."*

Behave, however, is used by Spenser, in his Fairy Queen, b. i. c. iii. in a sense that will suit sufficiently with the passage before us:

" But who his limbs with labours, and his *mind* " *Behaves* with cares, cannot so easy miss/' To *behave* certainly had formerly a very different signification